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A True Relation of a Notorious Cheater one Robert Bullock,

Lately done in Oxford, to prevent the like.
To the tune of, *And for my Offence I shall die, or, For the loss of my goods.*



Come listen all good people,
and here what I can tell,
My name is Robert Bullock,
at Che-tington I dwell,
For Rongery in Oxford,
all others I'll excell,
And for mine offence I did die,

That famous ancient City,
I lately entered in,
To cheat them by the Dozens,
I thought it no great sin:
And to relate particulars,
I'll willingly begin.
And for, &c.

** from Reding*

A Wife and a great Portion
I did pretend to have,
And thereupon I must
have all things fine and brave:
I did dissemble with them
much like a cheating knave.
And for, &c.

man *Robinson* I took of a rich widdow,
widow of Thomas a house and shop so fair,
Robinson Book That workmen of all sorts
= seller unto me did repair,

And for their best contrivance,
I left it to their care,
And for, &c.

Spoons and Plates, all Silver,
of a Goldsmith I procured,
And a great Silver tankard,
which Baniers broke assured,
My yes, and nays,
were not to be endured.
And for, &c.

A White and a fair Cloak,
I am sure I had of one,
Whose name I have forgot;
no matter let it alone,
To me hereafter,
let them make their moan,
And for, &c.

A good man a rich Sadler, so: Neuman
for my custome courted me,
Both Pillion-cloth and Bridle,
were at my service free,
With Combes, for boots & shoes
I quickly did agree,
And for mine offences I did die,

Cumbeys of shoma Rec over-
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M^y wedding globes I bought,
of honest Thomas Bland,
My Brals and eke my Dewter
I had serb'd me out of hand,
And all my Prices Bodifas
were at my own command.
And for mine offence I did flie,

*Thurston
ye
phol*
My empty rooms were furnisht,
with all Upholsterers ware,
Both Beds and all things else
I left to Thurstons care,
And when I pay my debts,
then he shall have his share,
And for, &c.

*Wood
ye
Loyne*
Bedsteads, and Tables,
and many a days work to,
I had of a Wooden Joyner,
who for the same did sue
As most that I have cheated,
and now they have time to rue,
And for, &c.

*Woods
ye
Loyne*
I had of Cox the Matt man,
of several sorts, five Chairs,
And Kiggs of Widelwel keeper,
mirt with the finest hairs,
And blankets from a Witny man
who had rather lost his ears,
And for, &c.

*Woods
ye
Loyne*
I was a general marchant,
for Buttons I did trade,
I cheated brother Jennings,
and a pure Virgin Maid,
My carriage was so wary,
there's none could me upbraid,
And for, &c.

All sorts of several workmen,
that I in this employ'd,
I paid them all alike,
dissention to avoid: (have,
If they no better masterasters
they'll quickly be bestropt,
And for, &c.

*ye Ale Brewer in st
Ebs parish who
to have sexord
in with ale.
Gardiner a
- here in catstreet.*
There's two that did escape,
from my intended plot,
That's honest Roger Frye,
and Gardiner the Scot,
I am contented with it,
seeing it was their Lot,
And for, &c.

The university
I gave each what they asked,
for their commodity,
I made what ready monies,
I could at Banbury,
And then with Edward Bartles — The university
for carriage did agree,
And for, &c.

I hired a good horse,
in Holly-well of one,
Pay add a great repentance
(unto his penance done)
That such a rogue and villain,
with his horse away is run,
And for, &c.

And when I came to London,
that noble and great City,
I cheated all my carriage;
it being not much pity
That all should loose by me,
so ends my Ditty.
And for mine offences I did flie,

By one of Oxford, viz: Francis Shenton
Apothecary, living in st peter, in
Baillie: this business was acted,
ye Ballad came out, all in
of Novemb. A.D. 1663